29. The method according to claim 27 wherein the amount of solids of the second polymer latex emulsion ranges from about 5 to 10 weight percent.

30. The method according to claim 25 which further comprises adding a lithium salt in an amount of about 0.01 to 0.5 weight percent based on the weight of the cementitious composition.

31. The method according to claim 30 wherein the lithium salt is lithium carbonate, lithium citrate, lithium hydroxide, lithium acetate, or mixtures thereof.

32. The method according to claim 25 which further comprises adding thereto Portland cement in an amount of about 1 to 20 percent by weight based on the weight of the cementitious composition to reduce drying shrinkage.

33. The method according to claim 25 which further comprises adding aluminum sulfate in an amount of about 0.1 to 15 percent by weight based on the weight of the cementitious composition to reduce drying shrinkage.

34. A method for reducing the drying shrinkage of an aluminous cement which comprises adding thereto:

(a) gypsum in an amount of above about 10 to about 25 percent by weight based on the amount of the aluminous cement to reduce drying shrinkage; and

(b) a polymer latex emulsion such that the percent polymer solids based on the amount of the aluminous cement and gypsum is about 2 to 15 percent by weight to further reduce drying shrinkage.

35. The method according to claim 34 wherein the amount of solids of the polymer latex emulsion ranges from about 5 to 10 weight percent.

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